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SUBJ: MEETING OF WEO COMMITTEE III AGENDA SUB-GROUP,
AUGUST 24, 1977

1. BELGIAN COMMITTEE III REP HOSTED MEETING OF WEO GROUP ON
AUGUST 24 TO CONSIDER HUMAN RIGHTS ITEMS ON COMMITTEE III AGENDA.
REPORTS ON SWEDISH PROPOSAL FOR TORTURE CONVENTION AND ON
HIGH COMMISSIONER PROPOSAL IN SEPTELS. OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED
OUTLINED BELOW.

2. THE BELGIANS HAVE APPROACHED 47 NATIONS WITH THEIR PROPOSAL
(POUCHED TO HEWITT, IO/L, 8/25/77), CALLING FOR FULL IMPLEMENTA-
TION OF 1503 PROCEDURES AND WILL BE MEETING EIGHT MORE.
NEXT WEEK THEY WILL SEEK REACTIONS. PRIVATELY, DUTCH
ARE EXPRESSING OPINION THAT BELGIAN PROPOSAL, SINCE IT HAS
ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE OF ACCEPTANCE, SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN TO
SAVE VALUABLE DEBATING TIME AND ENERGY. WHEN THIS WAS IMPLIED
AT MEETING, BELGIAN REP SAID THAT "WE WILL AT LEAST SPEAK
ABOUT THE SUBJECT."

3. THERE ARE NOW TWO CANDIDATES FOR CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE III,
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IT WAS REPORTED. THE LATIN AMERICANS HAVE ENDORSED MS.
LUCILLE MAIR OF JAMAICA, AND THE PHILIPPINES HAVE
OFFERED A CANDIDATE, REPORTEDLY MADAME LETITIA SHAHANI,
AMB IN BUCHAREST.

4. WHEN US INQUIRED AT MEETING, NO REPS PRESENT OFFERED
OFFICIAL REACTIONS TO US PROPOSAL FOR SPECIAL WORKING GROUP

ON TORTURE. MISOFF REQUESTED REACTIONS ASAP.

5. AUSTRALIAN REP REPORTED THAT CHINESE REP HAD TOLD HIM
THAT MORNING THAT THEY EXPECTED ITEM 83 (HUMAN RIGHTS AND
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS) TO BE THE OCCASION
FOR "A BIG CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE SUPER-POWERS,
BECAUSE ONE OF THE SUPER-POWERS IS GOING TO ATTACK THE OTHER
ON GROUNDS THAT THE NEUTRON BOMB IS A THREAT OF MASSIVE
VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.
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